Secretary's Note

The Committee on Archival Legislation has provided the guidelines in respect of all aspects of archival administration, and these are equally applicable to the Central and all the State Governments. (Paras 74-77 and 83-84).

Proceedings

The resolution was not discussed due to the absence of the mover.

(7) Responsibility of State Directors with regard to State Records

(a) Director of Archives to be responsible for preservation etc. of all Government records

Resolution by Dr.Bakhshish Singh Nijjar

All the Government records with the State should be looked after, with regard to their preservation etc. by the Director of Archives concerned.

Explanatory Note

During the survey of records both at the District and Divisional level in the State, it was noticed that the condition of the records is very deplorable and proper attention is not paid to the care of these records by the offices concerned. No arrangement exists in the offices for the preservation of records and consequently their condition is deteriorating day by day. The archival wealth of the nation is thus being wasted for want of proper care.

It would, therefore, be in the fitness of things if these records are placed in the custody of the State Archives so far as their preservation is concerned, which is in a position to render great service to the records by repairing

and rehabilitating them. By the application of modern scientific techniques ∠ life of the moth-eaten, brittle and damaged documents/records, can be prolonged and they can be saved from ravages of time for their proper use by posterity.

Secretary's Note.

In this connection, attention is drawn to Resolution VII of 38th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission (1967), which recommended transfer of District records which were more than 30 years old to the State Archives, and also to Resolution XIII of the same Session urging the State Governments to declare their Directors of Archives to be the inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels.

(b) Director of Archives be declared as the inspecting authority for State records at all levels.

Resolution by Thiru S. Singarajan

Resolved that the State Governments may be requested to take early steps to declare the Director of State Archives as an inspecting authority for the non-current records of State Offices at all levels, as well as of local bodies such as Municipalities, Zilla Parishads and the like in the States.

Explanatory Note

A Resolution requesting the State Governments on the subject was passed at 38th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at the Jadavpur University, Calcutta (Resolution XIII), but it has not had the desired effect.